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DESTITUTE SENT TO RURAL AREAS;
FAMINE VICTIMS RECEIVE AID

2,000 SHANGHAI DESTITUTE RETURN TO RURAL AREAS -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao,
 30 Mar 50

On 21 and 22 March 1950, over 900 destitute people living in the Shanghai winter shelters and temporary huts were returned to their villages, and on 27 and 28 March 1950, approximately 1,100 were also returned to areas such as north-ern Kiangsu, northern Anhwei, and Kwangtung. These people, many of whom came to Shanghai from famine areas, have been trained so that they may become self-suffi- cient under almost any circumstances. They have been prepared mentally to go for- ward with renewed spirit to do their share in spring farm cultivation.

It has been discovered that there are those who are taking undue advantage of these migrations into rural areas. In one of the groups of destitute, a money exchanger was found to have 90 silver yuan sewn into his clothing. He was arrested and imprisoned.

CENTRAL CHINA OVERCOMES FAMINE CONDITIONS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 29 May 50

Peiping, 28 May (Hsin-hua) -- Through the aid rendered by cooperatives, mutual-aid organizations, and people's governments, the famine-stricken inhabi- tants of Hopeh, Shantung, Pingyuan, North Kiangsu, and North Anhwei are now con- fident that they will be able to overcome past famine conditions and are hopefully looking forward to the resumption of normal livelihood. It is reported, moreover, that many who left the area are now returning to resume their past activities.

In addition to the 1,532,000,000 catties of relief foodstuffs which have al- ready been distributed to these areas, the Central People's government recently approved an additional allocation of 100 million catties of relief foodstuffs to be distributed to the extreme famine areas in Central and South China to help carry the people over until after spring harvesting.

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During the past year, local governments have done a remarkable job in overcoming famine conditions in their areas. For example, the Hopeh Provincial People's government organized local cooperative marketing associations to help send local products to other areas and rehabilitated poverty-stricken inhabitants by training them in supplementary vocations. As a result, the 1,300,000 calamity-stricken masses in the province were aided to seek a new lease on life.

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